

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST NAME APPLICANT: WILLIAM E. BALLOUGH

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Examiner: Nahid Amiri, Group No.: 3635

For: CONCEALED RETAINING CHANNEL FOR STORM SHUTTER  
ATTACHMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject divisional application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification**, which begins on page 2

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.